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JOINT OSO/OPC TRAINING COMMITTEE
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Present:

BITCAdministration of OPC Students.

The question of how many OPC students may enter BITC XVII, 23 February 1949, was considered. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that presently fourteen cleared people (who have priority) are enrolled for this course. It is desirable to limit the class to fifteen in all. In view of the great need of OPC to get some personnel through the school, chiefly to select a future training staff, it was felt that with the loan of some instructional personnel the limit could be expanded to twenty. 25X1A9a

The minimum loaned staff to increase the number of OPC personnel to six would be all the afternoons of Miss [REDACTED] to assist in problems, read papers, and assist in evaluating and critiquing student work, plus the time of [REDACTED] to assist in problems. 25X1A9a

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It was agreed that with this arrangement, four OPC students could be entered on the basis of Miss [REDACTED] participation, and two OPC students on the basis of [REDACTED]. 25X1A9a

Future BITC Possibilities.

By the time the next basic course begins, 4 April 1949, it was felt that there might be so large a backlog of students that it may be necessary to divide them into two groups, cleared and non-cleared, the cleared persons going into a course probably in the administrative classroom of Building #13 and given an increased operational slant. The chief difficulty with this, however, is that there is so far a lack of instructional strength sufficient to handle the additional course.

Schedule.

The schedule for BITC XVII has been amended so that the third week is now devoted to the study of Communism, and the fourth week (which overlaps the first week of the OPC two-week AIC) to an operational problem. In view of this change, it will be possible for certain cleared OPC students to complete only three weeks of the BITC and transfer the following week to the two-week operational phase of the AIC.

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25X1A9a It was agreed that this would be the proper program for Mr. 25X1A9a
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AICAdmission of OPC Students.

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25X1A9a Mr. 25X1A9a stated that there were already enrolled twelve students in the next AIC beginning 2 March, and that it is anticipated that Miss 25X1A9a will work the problems as students in the two-week OPC Operational AIC. It was impossible for Mr. 25X1A9a to 25X1A9a guarantee the admission of any other OPC students to full participation in the problems of those two weeks, but it may be possible for others to audit the problems as well as auditing the lectures, and there is always a possibility that persons destined for the OPC Training Staff may be permitted to participate in the problems. It was recommended that persons whose positions are likely to be confined to administration audit the lectures only rather than to displace others who may operate in the field or train such individuals.

OPC Pattern.

25X1A9a Queries were raised concerning lectures included and deleted from the OPC pattern on the AIC schedule, and 25X1A9a agreed that the pattern schedule could be reduced or enlarged as Mr. 25X1A9a finds necessary. As many as eight OPC students could be admitted for audit purposes.

OPC Training Staff.

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Mr. 25X1A9a to come to his office to consult a Kardex file of OSS instructors in his search for possible recruits to the OPC Training Staff.

OUTLINE OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

It was agreed to table any further activities of the Committee until some action is taken by the Assistant Directors on the proposed outline of functions and responsibilities submitted by the Committee.

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The Committee feels that a lack of understanding of how OSO and OPC plan to coordinate activities in their respective spheres of operation hampers the training staffs of both organizations.

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